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1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Ukraine (rule 30 of the rules of procedure).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (rule 62).
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly (rule 28):
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (rule 31).
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (rule 31).
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (rule 31).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (rule 49).
8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (rule 21).
9. General debate.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (rules 13 (a) and 48; resolution 47/120 B of 20 September 1993).[1]
11. Report of the Security Council (rule 13 (b)).[1]
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (rule 13 (b); resolutions 50/225 of 19 April 1996, 51/183 of 16 December 1996 and 52/210 of 18 December 1997; and Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982).
13. Report of the International Court of Justice (rule 13 (b); decision 47/406 of 21 October 1992).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (rule 13 (b); resolution 52/11 of 12 November 1997).
15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council (rule 142; decision 52/305 of 14 October 1997);
   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council (rule 145; decision 52/307 of 5 November 1997).
16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
   (a) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and General Assembly decisions 52/306 A of 22 October and 52/306 B of 18 December 1997);[1]
   (b) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (resolution 428 (V) of 14 December 1950 and decision 48/307 of 4 November 1993).

[1] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-second session (decision 52/459 of 22 December 1997).

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (rule 155; decisions 52/308 A of 20 November 1997 and 52/308 B of 2 June 1998);

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (rule 158; decisions 52/309 A of 20 November 1997 and 52/309 B of 2 June 1998);

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (resolution 74 (I) of 7 December 1946 and decision 52/310 of 20 November 1997);

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (resolution 155 (II) of 15 November 1947 and decision 52/311 of 20 November 1997);

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949 and decisions 52/321 A of 18 December 1997 and 52/321 B of 31 March 1998);

(f) International Civil Service Commission (resolution 3357 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 and decision 52/312 of 20 November 1997):

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences (resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988 and decision 52/320 of 15 December 1997);

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit (resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976 and decisions 51/320 of 21 May 1997 and 52/322 of 23 March 1998);

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 and decision 49/325 of 14 September 1995);

(j) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services (resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and decision 48/323 of 24 August 1994).

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolutions 52/71 to 52/73 and 52/75 to 52/79 of 10 December 1997 and decisions 52/409 of 10 November and 52/417 and 52/418 of 10 December 1997).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (rule 136).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (resolution 52/167 of 16 December 1997):

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and 52/168 of 16 December 1997);

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (resolutions 51/8 of 25 October, 51/30 D of 5 December and 51/30 F of 13 December 1996 and 52/169 A, B, D to F and I to M of 16 December 1997);[1]

(c) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (resolution 52/211 A of 19 December 1997);

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 52/170 of 16 December 1997).

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (resolution 51/4 of 24 October 1996).

22. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (resolution 51/11 of 4 November 1996).

23. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community (resolution 51/16 of 11 November 1996).

24. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review (resolution 51/32 of 6 December 1996).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (resolution 52/3 of 22 October 1997).

26. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (resolution 52/4 of 22 October 1997).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (resolution 52/5 of 22 October 1997).

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (resolution 52/7 of 28 October 1997).

29. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (resolution 52/10 of 5 November 1997).

30. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (resolutions 52/12 A of 12 November and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and decisions 52/477 A to D of 6 May 1998).[2]

31. Culture of peace (resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997).

32. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (resolution 52/14 of 20 November 1997).

33. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies (resolution 52/18 of 21 November 1997).

34. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 52/19 of 21 November 1997).

35. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (resolution 52/20 of 24 November 1997).

36. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (resolution 52/22 of 25 November 1997).

37. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (resolution 52/25 of 26 November 1997).

38. Oceans and the law of the sea (resolutions 49/28 of 6 December 1994 and 52/26 and 52/29 of 26 November 1997):[1]

(a) Law of the sea (resolutions 49/28 and 52/26);

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments (resolution 52/29).

[2] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-second session (see A/52/PV.88).

39. Question of Palestine (resolutions 52/49 to 52/52 of 9 December 1997 and 52/250 of 7 July 1998).[3]

40. The situation in the Middle East (resolutions 52/53 and 52/54 of 9 December 1997).[1]

41. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (resolution 52/150 of 15 December 1997).[1]

42. Assistance in mine clearance (resolution 52/173 of 18 December 1997).

43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (resolution 52/174 of 18 December 1997).[1]

44. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (resolutions 52/175 and 52/176 of 18 December 1997).[1]

45. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (resolution 52/211 B of 19 December 1997).[1]

46. Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (decisions 48/416 of 10 December 1993 and 52/424 of 12 December 1997).

47. Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (Security Council resolution 955 (1994) of 8 November 1994, annex, and decision 49/324 of 25 May 1995).[4]

48. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (Security Council resolution 827 (1993) of 25 May 1993 and decision 52/408 of 4 November 1997).

49. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (decision 52/409 of 10 November 1997).

50. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (Security Council resolution 955 (1994) of 8 November 1994 and decision 52/412 of 8 December 1997).

51. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (decision 52/413 of 8 December 1997).

52. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (decision 52/430 of 18 December 1997).

53. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (decision 52/431 of 18 December 1997).

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[3] Ibid., (see A/52/PV.89).

[4] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-second session (see A/52/PV.86).

54. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (decision 52/432 of 18 December 1997).

55. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (decision 52/433 of 18 December 1997).

56. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (decision 52/434 of 18 December 1997).

57. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (decision 52/435 of 18 December 1997).[1]

58. Strengthening of the United Nations system (resolution 52/232 of 4 June 1998 and decision 52/453 of 19 December 1997).

59. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.[1]

60. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (decision 52/479 of 4 June 1998).

61. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields.[5]

62. The situation in Burundi.[5]

63. Question of Cyprus.[5]

64. Role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields (resolution 51/40 of 10 December 1996).

65. Maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States (resolution 51/55 of 10 December 1996).

66. Reduction of military budgets (resolutions 35/142 B of 12 December 1980 and 52/32 of 9 December 1997):

    (a) Reduction of military budgets (resolution 35/142 B);

    (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures (resolution 52/32).

67. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (resolutions 51/39 of 10 December 1996 and 52/33 of 9 December 1997).

68. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (resolution 52/34 of 9 December 1997).

69. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (resolution 52/35 of 9 December 1997).

70. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (resolution 52/36 of 9 December 1997).

71. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (resolution 52/37 of 9 December 1997).

72. General and complete disarmament (resolutions 42/38 C of 30 November 1987, 44/116 O of 15 December 1989, 46/36 L of 9 December 1991, 47/52 L of 15 December 1992, 51/45 P of 10 December 1996, and 52/38 A to J, L, N to T of 9 December 1997):

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[5] This item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, remains on the agenda of that session (decision 52/459 of 22 December 1997). Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its fifty-second session.

(a) Notification of nuclear tests (resolution 42/38 C);

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof: report of the Secretary-General (resolution 44/116 O);

(c) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol (resolution 51/45 P);

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (resolution 52/38 A);

(e) Transparency in armaments (resolutions 46/36 L, 47/52 L and 52/38 B and R);

(f) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them (resolution 52/38 C);

(g) Relationship between disarmament and development (resolution 52/38 D);

(h) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control (resolution 52/38 E);

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (resolution 52/38 F);

(j) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures (resolution 52/38 G);

(k) Contributions towards banning anti-personnel landmines (resolution 52/38 H);

(l) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes (resolution 52/38 I);

(m) Small arms (resolution 52/38 J);

(n) Nuclear disarmament (resolution 52/38 L);

(o) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (resolution 52/38 N);

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons* (resolution 52/38 O);

(q) Regional disarmament (resolution 52/38 P);

(r) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (resolution 52/38 Q);

(s) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia (resolution 52/38 S);

(t) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (resolution 52/38 T).

73. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (resolutions 51/46 A, E and F of 10 December 1996 and 52/39 A to D of 9 December 1997):

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (resolution 51/46 A);

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship training and advisory services (resolution 51/46 F);

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (resolution 52/39 A);

(d) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (resolution 52/39 B);

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (resolution 52/39 C).

74. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (resolutions 38/183 O of 20 December 1983, 39/148 H of 17 December 1984 and 52/40 A to C of 9 December 1997):[1]

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission (resolution 52/40 B);

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament (resolution 52/40 A);

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (resolution 38/183 O);

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (resolution 39/148 H).

75. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (resolution 52/41 of 9 December 1997).

76. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (resolution 52/42 of 9 December 1997).

77. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (resolution 52/43 of 9 December 1997).

78. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (resolution 52/45 of 9 December 1997).

79. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (resolution 52/47 of 9 December 1997).

80. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (decision 52/414 of 9 December 1997).

81. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (decision 52/416 of 9 December 1997).[1]

82. Effects of atomic radiation (resolution 52/55 of 10 December 1997).

83. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (resolution 52/56 of 10 December 1997).

84. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (resolutions 52/57 to 52/63 of 10 December 1997).

85. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (resolutions 52/64 to 52/68 of 10 December 1997).

86. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (resolutions 51/137 of 13 December 1996 and 52/69 of 10 December 1997).

87. Questions relating to information (resolution 52/70 B of 10 December 1997).

88. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (resolution 52/71 of 10 December 1997).

89. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination (resolution 52/72 and decision 52/417 of 10 December 1997).

90. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (resolution 52/73 of 10 December 1997).

91. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (resolution 52/74 of 10 December 1997).

92. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (decision 52/402 of 19 September 1997).

93. Question of East Timor (decision 52/402 of 19 September 1997).

94. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) Trade and development (resolutions 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, 51/168 of 16 December 1996 and 52/182 of 18 December 1997);

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (resolutions 51/165 of 16 December 1996 and 52/179 and 52/180 of 18 December 1997);

(c) Commodities (resolution 51/169 of 16 December 1996);

(d) External debt crisis and development (resolution 52/185 of 18 December 1997).

95. Sectoral policy questions:

(a) Business and development (resolution 51/191 of 16 December 1996);

(b) Industrial development cooperation (resolution 51/170 of 16 December 1996).

96. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (resolutions 50/130 of 20 December 1995 and 51/172 of 16 December 1996):

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development (resolutions 45/199 of 21 December 1990, 47/152 of 18 December 1992, 48/185 of 21 December 1993, 49/92 of 19 December 1994 and 51/173 of 16 December 1996):

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (resolutions 48/181 of 21 December 1993, 49/106 of 19 December 1994 and 51/175 of 16 December 1996);

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (resolutions 51/177 of 16 December 1996 and 52/190 of 18 December 1997);

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (resolution 52/186 of 18 December 1997);

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (resolution 52/187 of 18 December 1997);

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (resolution 52/188 of 18 December 1997);

(g) Cultural development (resolution 52/197 of 18 December 1997).

97. Environment and sustainable development (resolutions 34/173 of 17 December 1979 and 52/200 of 18 December 1997):

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 and decisions 52/444 and 52/445 of 18 December 1997);

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (resolutions 50/115 of 20 December 1995, 51/184 of 16 December 1996 and 52/199 of 18 December 1997);

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (resolutions 50/116 of 20 December 1995 and 52/202 of 18 December 1997);

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (resolutions 51/182 of 16 December 1996 and 52/201 of 18 December 1997);

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997).

98. Operational activities for development (resolutions 50/120 of 20 December 1995, 51/186 of 16 December 1996 and 52/203 and 52/205 of 18 December 1997).

99. Training and research:

(a) United Nations University (resolutions 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 49/124 of 19 December 1994 and 51/187 of 16 December 1996);

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (resolutions 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 52/206 of 18 December 1997).

100. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (resolution 52/207 of 18 December 1997 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/67 of 18 July 1997).

101. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (resolutions 51/178 of 16 December 1996 and 52/193 and 52/194 of 18 December 1997).

102. Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (resolution 52/205 of 18 December 1997).

103. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (resolutions 52/80 and 52/83 of 12 December 1997).

104. Crime prevention and criminal justice (resolutions 52/85 and 52/87 to 52/91 of 12 December 1997).

105. International drug control (resolutions 48/112 of 20 December 1993 and 52/92 of 12 December 1997).

106. Advancement of women (resolutions 34/180 of 18 December 1979, 39/125 of 14 December 1984, 45/124 of 14 December 1990, 51/68 of 12 December 1996 and 52/94, 52/96, 52/98 and 52/99 of 12 December 1997).

107. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995, 52/100 of 12 December 1997 and 52/231 of 4 June 1998).

108. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (resolutions 428 (V) of 14 December 1950, 51/74 of 12 December 1996 and 52/101, 52/102 and 52/105 of 12 December 1997).

109. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (resolutions 44/25 of 20 December 1989 and 52/107 of 12 December 1997).

110. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 52/108 of 12 December 1997 and decision 49/458 of 23 December 1994).

111. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 and 52/109 to 52/111 of 12 December 1997).

112. Right of peoples to self-determination (resolutions 52/112 and 52/113 of 12 December 1997).

113. Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (resolutions 260 A (III) of 4 December 1948, 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, 36/151 of 16 December 1981, 39/46 of 10 December 1984, 51/86 and 51/88 of 12 December 1996 and 52/115, 52/117 and 52/118 of 12 December 1997);

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolutions 47/138 of 18 December 1992, 51/92, 51/94, 51/95, 51/97, 51/102, 51/105 and 51/127 of 12 December 1996 and 52/120 to 52/122, 52/125 to 52/127, 52/131 and 52/134 to 52/136 of 12 December 1997; and Economic and Social Council decision 1997/276 of 22 July 1997);

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (resolutions 52/137 to 52/147 of 12 December 1997);

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (resolutions 48/121 of 20 December 1993 and 52/148 of 12 December 1997);[6]

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993).

[6] This sub-item also remains on the agenda of the *fifty-second session (decision 52/426 of 12* December 1997).

114. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (resolutions 52/212 A of 22 December 1997 and 52/212 B of 31 March 1998):[7]

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;

(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(k) United Nations Office for Project Services.

115. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (resolutions 48/218 of 29 July 1994, 52/226 A and B of 31 March 1998 and 52/234 of 26 June 1998 and decisions 51/469 B of 15 September 1997 and 52/481 of 26 June 1998).[2]

116. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (resolutions 50/215 C and 50/216 of 23 December 1995, 51/220 and 51/221 B of 18 December 1996, 52/220 to 52/224 of 22 December 1997 and 52/227 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 52/463, 52/465 and 52/466 of 31 March 1998).[2]

117. Programme planning (resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996).

118. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.[5]

119. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (decision 47/449 of 22 December 1992).

120. Pattern of conferences (resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997).[7]

121. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (resolutions 52/215 A to C of 22 December 1997).[1]

122. Human resources management (resolutions 51/226 and 51/227 of 3 April 1997 and 52/216 and 52/219 of 22 December 1997 and decisions 52/475 and 52/476 of 31 March 1998).[2]

123. United Nations common system (resolutions 48/224 of 23 December 1993, 51/216 of 18 December 1996 and 52/216 of 22 December 1997).[1]

124. United Nations pension system (resolutions 48/225 of 23 December 1993, 49/224 of 23 December 1994 and 51/217 of 18 December 1997).

[7] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-second session (see A/52/PV.82).

125. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:[2]

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (resolution 52/236 of 26 June 1998);

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (resolution 52/237 of 26 June 1998).

126. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (resolutions 52/8 A of 31 October 1997 and 52/8 C of 26 June 1998).[2]

127. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (resolution 52/238 of 26 June 1998);[2]

(b) Other activities.

128. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (resolution 52/228 B of 26 June 1998).[2]

129. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (resolution 52/239 of 26 June 1998).[2]

130. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998).[2]

131. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II.[5]

132. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (resolution 52/240 of 26 June 1998).[2]

133. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (resolution 52/241 of 26 June 1998).[2]

134. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (resolution 52/242 of 26 June 1998).[2]

135. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (decision 52/486 of 26 June 1998).[2]

136. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia.[1]

137. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda.[5]

138. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (resolution 52/217 of 22 December 1997).[1]

139. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (resolution 52/229 B of 26 June 1998).[2]

140. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (resolution 52/218 of 22 December 1997).[2]

141. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (resolution 52/243 of 26 June 1998).[2]

142. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (resolution 52/244 of 26 June 1998).[2]

143. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (resolution 52/245 of 26 June 1998).[2]

144. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (resolution 52/246 of 26 June 1998).[2]

145. Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala.[5]

146. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:[2]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (resolutions 52/1 A of 15 October, 52/177 of 18 December 1997 and 52/1 B and 52/248 of 26 June 1998);

(b) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232.

147. Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office;[2]

(b) Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B.

148. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (resolution 51/155 of 16 December 1996).

149. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (resolution 51/156 of 16 December 1996).

150. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (resolutions 49/61 of 9 December 1994 and 52/151 of 15 December 1997).

151. United Nations Decade of International Law (resolutions 52/153 to 52/155 of 15 December 1997):

(a) United Nations Decade of International Law (resolution 52/153);

(b) Progress in the action dedicated to the 1999 centennial of the first International Peace Conference and to the closing of the United Nations Decade of International Law (resolution 52/154);

(c) Draft guiding principles for international negotiations (resolution 52/155).

152. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session (resolution 52/156 of 15 December 1997).

153. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session (resolution 52/157 of 15 December 1997).

154. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997).

155. Establishment of an international criminal court (resolution 52/160 of 15 December 1997).

156. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (resolutions 52/161 and 52/162 of 15 December 1997).

157. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (resolution 52/165 of 15 December 1997).

158. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (resolution 52/166 of 15 December 1997).

159. Bethlehem 2000 [item proposed by Afghanistan, Cuba, Malta and Senegal (A/53/141)].

160. World Solar Programme 1996-2005 [item proposed by China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, the Niger, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Zimbabwe (A/53/142)].

161. Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly [item proposed by Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela (A/53/143)].

162. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers (resolution 52/233 of 26 June 1998).

163. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (resolution 52/249 of 26 June 1998).

164. Observer status for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly [item proposed by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (A/53/144)].

165. Need to review General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 owing to the fundamental change in the international situation and to the coexistence of two Governments across the Taiwan Strait [item proposed by Burkina Faso, El Salvador, the Gambia, Grenada, Liberia, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Solomon Islands and Swaziland (A/53/145)].

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Letter dated 16 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith an appeal for the children of the world addressed to the Heads of State of all States Members of the United Nations by Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, issued in May 1997.

I would like to request you to arrange to have the present letter and the text of the appeal, with signatures of the Laureates, circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 31 of the preliminary list, and of the Economic and Social Council, under item 7 (f) of the provisional agenda of the substantive session of 1998.

(*Signed*) Anwarul Karim **Chowdhury**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

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Annex

Appeal for the children of the world addressed to the Heads of State of all States Members of the United Nations by Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

Today, in every single country throughout the world, there are many children silently suffering the effects and consequences of violence.

This violence takes many different forms : between children on streets, at school, in family life and in the community. There is physical violence, psychological violence, socio-economic violence, environmental violence and political violence. Many children - too many children - live a "culture of violence".

We wish to contribute to reduce their suffering. We believe that each child can discover, by himself, that violence is not inevitable. We can offer hope, not only to the children of the world, but to all of humanity, by beginning to create, and build, a new "Culture of Non-Violence".

For this reason, we address this solemn appeal to all Heads of States, of all member countries of the General Assembly of the United Nations, for the U.N. General Assembly to declare:

• *That the first decade of the new millennium,* ***the years 2000-2010, be declared the "Decade for a Culture of Non-Violence".***

• *That at the start of the decade* ***the year 2000 be declared the "Year of Education for Non-Violence".***

• *That non-violence be taught at every level in our societies during this decade, to make the children of the world aware of the real, practical meaning and benefits of non-violence in their daily lives, in order to reduce the violence, and consequent suffering, perpetrated against them and humanity in general.*

Together, we can build a new culture of non-violence for humankind which will give hope to all humanity, and in particular, to the children of our world.

With deepest respect,

The Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

Signatories:

1980 ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL

1991 AUNG SAN SUU KYI

1977 BETTY WILLIAMS

1996 CARLOS FELIPE XIMENES BELO

1989 DALAI LAMA

1984 DESMOND MPILO TUTU

1986 ELIE WIESEL

1993 FREDERIK DE KLERK

1996 JOSE RAMOS HORTA
Nobel Peace Laureate '96

1995 JOSEPH ROTBLAT

1983 LECH WALESA

1977 MAIREAD CORRIGAN-MAGUIRE

1990 MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

1979 MOTHER TERESA

1993 NELSON MANDELA

1970 NORMAN BORLAUG

1987 OSCAR ARIAS SANCHEZ

1994 SHIMON PEREZ

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1994 YASSER ARAFAT

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Corrigendum

The above-mentioned document is hereby withdrawn.

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